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To: Rep. Hugh D. Crawford, Chairman
Regulatory Reform Committee

From: Gerald H. Haensler Jr.
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Re: House Bill 4593, 4594 and 4595

A little background on myself. I have been a police officer in Michigan for over 34yrs. I worked at the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department for over 20yrs. I was Chief of Police at Madison Township for over nine years and am currently at the railroad.

I am in support of legislation that makes it more difficult for scrappers to unload stolen metals that belong to the railroad, or any other company.

The A&B Railroad has had sections of rail ripped up and stolen; counterweights stolen from crossing arms at grade crossings; equipment taken from railroad cars and signal cable cut out of the ground. All of this stolen property from the railroad had to go somewhere. These thefts not only jeopardize public safety, but it also hurts financially a short line railroad like the A&B. I thank you in advance for any assistance you can give us.

Respectfully,

Gerald H. Haensler Jr.
Chief of Police
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